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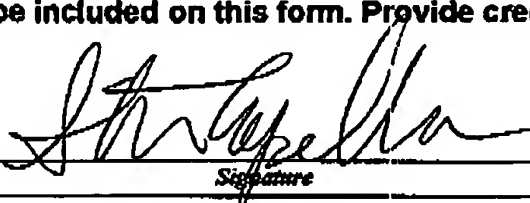
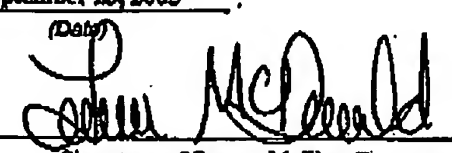
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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				<b>Docket No.</b> FIS920020170US1	
Applicant(s): Hendrik F. Hamann, et al.					
Application No. 10/604,486	Filing Date 7/25/03	Examiner Anita Karen Alanko	Customer No. 32074	Group Art Unit 1765	Confirmation No. 1485
Invention: System and Method of Altering a Very Small Surface Area by Multiple Channel Probe					
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Hendrik F. Hamann et al.	:	Examiner: Anita Karen Alanko
Serial No. : 10/604,486	:	
Filed: July 25, 2003	:	IBM Corporation
	:	Dept. 18G/Bldg, 300-482
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD OF	:	2070 Route 52
ALTERING A VERY SMALL SURFACE	:	Hopewell Junction, NY
AREA BY MULTIPLE CHANNEL	:	12533-6531
PROBE	:	

**Amendment**

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Sir:

The following amendment is submitted in response to the office action dated June 23, 2005.

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.**